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In re Application of:

Marco NAHMIAS NANNI et al.

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TEMPERATURE TYRE

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DECLARATION

I, Paolo Guella, work at the Industrial Property Department of Pirelli S.p.A. I specialize in the prosecution of patent applications related to Pirelli tire products and have many years of experience in this area. I do hereby make the following declaration:

1. U.S. patent application 09/041,951 was filed on March 13, 1998.
2. Fig. 6 filed with U.S. patent application 09/041,951 is a black-and-white copy of a color thermograph showing in grey-scale a prototype tyre tread compared with a tyre of conventional production manufactured by Pirelli.
3. Pages 23-25 of the original specification of U.S. patent application 09/041,951 describe color thermography of a prototype tyre tread compared with a tyre of conventional production manufactured by Pirelli.
4. U.S. patent application 09/472,019 was filed on December 27, 1999.

5. U.S. patent application 09/472,019 is a continuation of U.S. patent application 09/041,951.

6. Fig. 6 filed with U.S. patent application 09/472,019 is a black-and-white copy of a color thermograph showing in grey-scale a prototype tyre tread compared with a tyre of conventional production manufactured by Pirelli.

7. Pages 23-25 of the original specification of U.S. patent application 09/472,019 describe color thermography of a prototype tyre tread compared with a tyre of conventional production manufactured by Pirelli.

8. A Request for Approval of Drawing Change, filed together with this Declaration, requests replacement of originally-filed Fig. 6 with new Fig. 6, a color thermograph entitled "175/70R13 P200 CHRONO ENERGY."

9. Fig. 6 filed with U.S. patent application 09/472,019 is a black-and-white copy of the color thermograph of new Fig. 6, slightly enlarged to cut off the headings and temperature scale of new Fig. 6.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: June 21, 2000

By: Pasolo Pirelli